

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 137

Introduced by Assembly Member Liu
(Coauthor: Senator Scott)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 137—Relative to literacy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 137, as introduced, Liu. Literacy.

This measure would recognize California Literacy, Inc. for its contributions in the area of adult literacy, would recognize September 8, 2003, as International Literacy Day, and would commend California Literacy, Inc. for launching its Cities That Read public awareness campaign on International Literacy Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California Literacy, Inc. is a nonprofit educational
2 organization established in 1956 and incorporated as a statewide
3 organization in 1971 with the purpose to improve adult literacy
4 and English language proficiency; and

5 WHEREAS, California Literacy, Inc. is the only statewide
6 nonprofit organization that focuses on helping volunteer-based
7 adult literacy programs; and

8 WHEREAS, California Literacy, Inc. serves over 150 local
9 literacy programs associated with churches, YMCAs, libraries,
10 prisons, drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers, homeless shelters,
11 and adult schools by offering startup guidance, resources, tutor
12 training and recruitment, fundraising assistance, and advocacy for
13 the interest of adult learners and literacy providers; and

1 WHEREAS, Over 14,000 volunteers, through programs
2 affiliated with California Literacy, Inc., dedicate more than
3 1,000,000 hours a year tutoring 46,000 Californians in literacy and
4 English language skills necessary for them to more fully
5 participate in society; and

6 WHEREAS, On September 8, 2003, California Literacy, Inc. is
7 launching its Cities That Read awareness campaign with the goal
8 of mobilizing government, communities, businesses, and the
9 media to make adult literacy a priority issue; and

10 WHEREAS, The Cities That Read program includes assistance
11 in establishing adult literacy programs, support for existing
12 literacy programs, and establishment of a statewide ‘Mayors
13 Literacy Network’; and

14 WHEREAS, The Cities That Read program is being launched
15 on International Literacy Day; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the state recognize California Literacy,
18 Inc. for its contributions in the area of adult literacy, recognize
19 September 8, 2003, as International Literacy Day, and commend
20 California Literacy, Inc. for launching its Cities That Read public
21 awareness campaign on International Literacy Day; and be it
22 further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall transmit
24 copies of this resolution to the authors for appropriate distribution.

